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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Gregory D Sunvold et al.	Examiner:	Unknown
Serial No.:	09/609,622	Group Art Unit:	Unknown
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Title:	NUTRITIONAL COMPOSITION FOR WEIGHT MANAGEMENT		

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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In response to the final Office Action mailed July 11, 2001 and the Notice of Appeal filed October 8, 2001, please amend the above identified application as follows:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrent with a Request for Continued Examination, and a Request for Withdrawal of the previously filed Notice of Appeal.

This response is also accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a five-month extension of the period for filing the appeal brief, thereby moving the deadline for response from December 8, 2001 to May 8, 2001.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claims 1, 3-5, 8-9 and 14 and addition of new claims 15-24. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

15.(NEW) A composition comprising an effective weight reducing amount of L-carnitine, chromium, Vitamin A, and a source of carbohydrates selected from sorghum, barley, and mixtures thereof, which composition is formulated as a solid pet food.

16.(NEW) The composition of claim 15 which comprises sorghum.